Border fencing along Kutch

4857. DR. AKHILESH DAS :

SHRI NANA DESHMUKH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 508 km. long border along Kutch, has been the most porous border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether fencing along these borders has been taken up; the progress made therein, and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost and the expenditure incurred so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) The Government has decided to carry out fencing works in 310 Kms. of the fenceable stretch along the Pakistan border in the Kutch area to prevent infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition, etc. from across the border. This is a composite project involving construction of road on raised embankment, construction of border outposts, providing barbed wire fence etc. At present 62 Kms. of road and embankment have been completed while barbed wire fence has been provided in 16 Kms. stretch. The entire work is targeted to be completed by March, 2005.

(c) The estimated cost of the fencing works is Rs. 250.00 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 70.64 crores has been incurred on the fencing works upto March, 2003.

Errors in investigation conducted by Delhi Police

4858. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forensic Science Wing of the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) has pointed out a series of investigation errors committed by the Police while handling cases relating to rape/sexual assaults, murders and accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to correct these errors and implement the suggestions made by the Forensic Science Wing team of doctors of the MAMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) :

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The Department of Forensic Medicine of Maulana Azad

Medical College had in February, 2003 conducted a workshop for the benefit of police personnel in which measures to be taken during investigation of cases were highlighted so to achieve a better communication and coordination between police and doctors in the interest of better investigation of crimes.

Jail Manual

4859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a comprehensive review of Jail Manual of all the States in order to ensure uniformity in administration of prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to propose a draft model of Jail Manual and to circulate the same to all the States/Union Territories for their guidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) 'Prisons' being a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to undertake amendments/review of their respective Jail Manuals. However, Central Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development to prepare a Model Prison Manual. It has since been prepared and circulated to all the States and Union Territories for their views.

Harassment of undertrials by hardened inmates

4860. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new undertrials are held to ransom by the old and hardened inmates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these new undertrials are harassed and beaten, if they protest; and

(c) if so, on what alternative plans Government are working?